success of political parties (*Hear, hear*). It is a remarkable thing which is very rare where the strifes of party-politics exist, to find that the appointment of such a person as the Minister—the head of a political party—was welcomed by almost everyone in this State, and everyone without any difference of opinion pronounced the judgment that here was a right man for the place in this State.

I have had very few personal calamities and shocks in my life, but let me tell you in all sincerity that the cable I got in Europe about his death was the most acute calamity that I have had for many years. It left me almost non-plussed. It is, as some hon'ble members have pointed out, after his passing away that we began to realise even in a greater measure, the extent of our loss, and what stuff the departed man was made of. After all the greatest tribute that we can pay to a departed soul is to carry out the aims and ideals that inspired him and I have no doubt that that kind of tribute will be paid in more than ample measure by the people of this State. I would now request the hon'ble members to stand in their seats.

The motion was carried, all members standing.

Announcement of Bills assented to or disallowed by His Highness the Maharaja.

Secretary to the Council: Under Standing Order 5 (2) I have to announce to the House that the following bills passed by the Council have been graciously assented to by His Highness the Maharaja:—

1. The Cochin Maternity Benefit Bill—Act XXVII of 1113.
2. The Cochin Debt Conciliation Act (Amendment) Bill—Act XXVIII of 1113.
3. The Cochin Nayar Bill—Act XXIX of 1113.
4. The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Bill—Act XXXI of 1113.
5. The Cochin Income-tax Act (Amendment) Bill-Act XXXII of 1113.
6. The Cochin Marumakkathayam Bill-Act XXXIII of 1113.

I have also to announce that the Cochin Nambudiri Kudumba Bill passed by the Council has been dissented from by His Highness the Maharaja.

Statement placed on the table.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*):

Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the

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